

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Commercial Law

SUBTITLE 15. TRUTH IN MUSIC ADVERTISING ACT.

11-1501.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "PERFORMING GROUP" MEANS A VOCAL OR INSTRUMENTAL GROUP SEEKING TO USE THE NAME OF A RECORDING GROUP.

(C) "RECORDING GROUP" MEANS A VOCAL OR INSTRUMENTAL GROUP WITH AT LEAST ONE MEMBER WHO HAS:

(1) PREVIOUSLY RELEASED A COMMERCIAL SOUND RECORDING UNDER THAT GROUP'S NAME; AND

(2) A LEGAL RIGHT TO USE THE GROUP'S NAME DUE TO THE MEMBER'S USE OF OR OPERATION UNDER THE GROUP'S NAME WITHOUT HAVING ABANDONED THE NAME OR AFFILIATION WITH THE GROUP.

(D) "SOUND RECORDING" MEANS A WORK THAT RESULTS FROM THE FIXATION ON A MATERIAL OBJECT OF A SERIES OF MUSICAL, SPOKEN, OR OTHER SOUNDS REGARDLESS OF THE NATURE OF THE MATERIAL OBJECT, SUCH AS A DISK, TAPE, OR OTHER PHONORECORD, IN WHICH THE SOUNDS ARE EMBODIED.

11-1502.

(A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON MAY NOT ADVERTISE OR CONDUCT A LIVE MUSICAL PERFORMANCE OR PRODUCTION IN THE STATE THROUGH THE USE OF A FALSE, DECEPTIVE, OR MISLEADING AFFILIATION, CONNECTION, OR ASSOCIATION BETWEEN A PERFORMING GROUP AND A RECORDING GROUP.

(B) SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY IF: